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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,6-8,11 and 21-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,6-8,11 and 21-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 11 and 21-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Herz et al (6,088,722)**.

As to claims 1 and 4, note the **Herz** reference figures 1-6, discloses a system and method for scheduling broadcast of and access to video programs and other data using customer profiles and further discloses a method of updating software on a client device (figs.9-11, Set-top Multimedia Terminal 'STMT' 412) comprising:

Receiving (at Headend 'HE' which includes billing log database, Data Collection 508) billing log data (usage history or programs, movies, etc., watched) from the client device (STMT-412), the billing log data specifying past consumption of pay-per-view (PPV) audio-visual content received by the client device from the server (HE) over a broadcast network (Cable, Satellite, etc., col.9, lines 29-67) during a selected period of time (figs.1-3, col.25, line 42-col.27, line 10, col.38, line 65-col.39, line 66, col.44, lines 20-65 and col.49, lines 27-63); and

Downloading an update for software resident (EPG data) on the client device from the server, the software, when executing on the client device, for decrypting the

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PPV audio-visual content and controlling consumption of the PPV audio-visual content, the downloading being performed when the received billing log data indicates consumption of PPV audio-visual content by the client device at less than a predetermined threshold for the selected period of time (col.22, line 64-col.24, line 11, col.25, line 42-col.27, line 10, line 39-col.28, line 46, col.31, line 5-col.32, line 1+, col.41, line 65-col.43, line 65 and col.44, line 20-col.45, line 37), note that HE polls the STMT for number of movies or PPV watched and if the number is less than a predetermined threshold HE updates the EPG or program schedule accordingly based on the time, day, week, etc.

As to claims 6-7, Herz further discloses where the software resident on the client comprises tamper resistant software and where the updated client device software comprises a new cryptographic key (col.45, line 6-col.47, line 8 and line 61-col.48, line 36).

As to claims 8 and 11, the claimed "An article comprising: a storage medium having a plurality of machine accessible instructions..." is composed of the same structural elements that were discussed with respect to the rejection of claims 1 and 4.

As to claim 21, the claimed "A server..." is composed of the same structural elements that were discussed with respect to the rejection of claims 1 and 4; the claimed "a client software manager configured to receive billing log data..." is met by System Controller/Distribution System 506/504 of the HE.

Claims 22-23 are met as previously discussed with respect to claims 6-7.

Claims 24-26 are met as previously discussed with respect to claims 6-7.

Claim 27 is met as previously discussed with respect to claims 1 and 4.

Claims 28-30 are met as previously discussed with respect to claims 6-7.

Claim 31 is met as previously discussed with respect to claims 1 and 4.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 4, 6-8, 11 and 21-31 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection discussed above. The amendment to all the independent claims necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection. This office action is made Final.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Aras et al (5,872,588) disclose method and apparatus for monitoring A/V materials presented to a subscriber.

Seidman et al (6,298,482) disclose system for two-way broadcast and interactive services.

Hendricks et al (5,798,785) discloses terminal for suggesting programs offered on a TV program delivery system.

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See

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MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

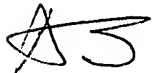
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Annan Q. Shang** whose telephone number is **571-272-7355**. The examiner can normally be reached on **700am-400pm**.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Christopher S. Kelley** can be reached on **571-272-7331**. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-273-8300**.

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